

AMATEUR CUP

holders Enfield visit Loakes Park on January 30 for what is being labelled the match of round 2.

News of this plum pairing came from Lancaster Gate just before 3 p.m. on Monday afternoon and set both High Wycombe and Enfield buzzing with excitement, along with many others in the amateur football sphere.

Enfield progressed through by beating Athenian League giants Walton and Hersham away on Saturday, but had Wanderers earmarked as the team to avoid before the draw was made, say local observers.

They are also Isthmian League champions, but, with a large leeway to make up this season, look like losing their title — possibly to Wycombe. So they are extra keen to retain the cup.

Since the departure of manager Tommy Lawrence to Slough, and the exodus of players this move caused, new boss Howard Moxon has rebuilt the Enfield squad using established men as the foundations and importing others from rival clubs.

Wanderers won the only meeting so far this season — at Loakes Park and looked the better of the teams in doing so. But that is past history.

It is anybody's guess as to which of them survives to see in round three.

Slough Town, surprisingly held 1-1 by Redhill in a poor game at the Dolphin on Saturday, will travel to Harwich and Parkstone if they win their replay.

● A minute's silence was held before the Wycombe v. Wealdstone game on Saturday as a mark of respect for the victims of the Ibrox Park disaster. Players from both teams wore black armbands.

● Barry Baker, Wanderers' midfield man injured in the first half on Saturday is suffering from hamstring trouble and thought to be out of the Isthmian League game home to Tooting this week.

Ted Powell, who twisted an ankle against Wealdstone, missed Monday's Olympic XI match at Reading and is in doubt for Saturday. See Stop Press.